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## THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

### FRANCE'S NAVAL STIPULATIONS.

U. S. Secretary Confers with President.

(News Service.)

Washington, December 29.—Before attending to-day a session of the Naval Committee, Mr. Hughes conferred at last with President Harding at the White House.

Mr. Balfour and Mr. Hughes Critical.

Washington, December 29.—Despite M. Sarrau's assurance that the French demands were based on a conception of the true needs of France and her colonies, succeeding speakers did not conceal dissatisfaction with such demands.

Mr. Balfour declared that an inferior military Power with more ships could never seriously imperil a superior military Power.

On the other hand, with the largest submarine fleet in the world, which was powerful only for the destruction of commerce, France would greatly menace British security. Britain was unable to look with indifference on the situation thus created. Mr. Balfour promised to raise the matter again before the public conference.

Mr. Hughes, whose statements so far have been most optimistic, evidenced a modified attitude when he declared that, as a result of the limitation of capital ships, the conference would probably succeed in a fairly satisfactory manner. Mr. Hughes pointed out that the French submarine plans involved assumption that Britain and the United States would increase their tonnage proportionately. Furthermore, cruisers and destroyers would have to be provided in numbers adequate to deal with the situation created by a large submarine fleet, thus threatening an expansion of armaments, which was the sole basis of the objects of the Conference.

Limitation in Use but not in Quantity of Aircraft.

Washington, December 29.—It is understood that the report of the sub-committee on aviation will recommend that no limitations be placed on the construction of aircraft, but that their use in war time be sharply defined.

### IMPORTANT ITALIAN BANK SUSPENDS PAYMENT.

Partial Moratorium Granted.

Rome, December 29.—The Banca Italiana Disconto has suspended payment. The Government has declared a partial moratorium with the object of dealing with the situation. Crowds are thronging the premises, which are protected by the police.

Later. The newspapers state there is no fear of the suspension adversely affecting other big banks. It is stated that the Government, besides granting a moratorium, has taken steps to guarantee the bank's creditors and place it eventually in a more favourable position.

New York Corresponding Bank Closes Its Doors.

New York, December 29.—The Italian Discount Trust Company, with deposits amounting to \$13,000,000, closed its doors following a run by depositors. The bank is the correspondent of the Banca Italiana Disconto.

### GERMAN REPRESENTATIVES GO TO PARIS.

Allies Require Further Information.

Paris, December 29.—Dr. Rathenau and Herr Fischer have left Berlin for Paris at, it is reported, the invitation of authoritative British quarters, although the visit is unofficial.

Later. It is officially announced that Herr Fischer and other German representatives called on the Reparation Commission inquiring whether an immediate answer is required to the Note cabled on the 17th inst.

The Commission replied that the German Government is alone capable of judging what opportunity it has had for replying. Moreover, Germany's request for a moratorium could not be considered by the Commission until it had received the particulars requested in the Note.

The previous cable stated: The Reparations Commission has addressed a note to Germany, recording surprise that the German note, cabled on 15th December, does not indicate either the currencies that Germany is prepared to surrender for her January and February payments or the periods of grace desired. The note declares that unless the Commission receives these particulars it will be impossible to consider or examine Germany's request. The note points out the absence of allusion in the German note to any measures being taken with a view to reforming Germany's finances.

In view of Germany's defaulting the Commission of Reparations, according to the papers, has decided to maintain its demand for the payment due in January and February and to refuse to consider delay for payments thereafter before Germany first gives positive and specific guarantees.

### CONSULAR APPOINTMENTS.

Developing the Service.

London, December 29.—In connection with Lord Northcliffe's statement at Bangkok, Mr. Balfour, Vice-President of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, interviewed by the *Times*, said that our Consuls should be well paid in order to hold their own with other Consuls. It was a fundamental principle that all Consuls be British subjects. Consuls should be allowed to develop their own initiative.

Officials of the Consular Department of the Foreign Office emphasised that more was done than was generally appreciated. Pay in the general and the Levant services had been increased. The officials also pointed out the difficulty of obtaining recruits and of securing suitable housing accommodation at reasonable rentals. All salaried posts were held by British subjects.

### EJECTMENT APPLICATION.

#### Judgment in Rents Ordinance Case.

Judgment was given in the Summary Court this morning in the case in which Lau Cheung-shi (represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ) made application, before Mr. Justice Gompertz on Wednesday, for the possession of premises at No. 116 Queen's Road Central and No. 2 Gilman's Bazaar, occupied by the Hongkong Tea Shop and other tenants (represented by Mr. F. G. Vaux).

His Lordship, *inter alia*, said:—The facts of the case which are agreed are simple.

By a letter dated the 30th August last the plaintiff who is the landlord of certain premises gave notice to the several defendants who are tenants or sub-tenants of those premises to quit.

On 6th December the writ in this action was issued claiming possession and mesne profits.

Mr. Newitt, Architect for the plaintiff, has put in a plan showing a projected reconstruction of the premises which, he states, will make the tenement a new building within the meaning of the Public Health and Building Ordinance 1923.

It is admitted that the alterations and additions shown on the plans referred to in the notice of August 30th, do not amount to such a reconstruction. These plans were in fact inspected by the tenants who on seeing them decided to defend the action.

It is argued for the plaintiff that the Rents Ordinance under which the notices to quit were issued does not require as does the later Amending Ordinance that the notice should give particulars of the intended reconstruction.

All that is required is three months' notice to quit. This has been given and the plaintiff now bona fide requires possession in order to effect the reconstruction specified by section 4 (1) (b) of the Ordinance.

In my opinion this contention is unsound—the notice taken with the plans to which it refers is not such a notice as the Ordinance requires.

The plaintiff must be non-suited with costs.

### THE EGYPTIAN SITUATION.

#### Cabmen at Alexandria Strike.

Alexandria, December 29.—Cabmen have struck for political purposes.

### PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RUSSIA.

#### British Creditors' Association Supports.

London, December 29.—The Association of British Creditors of Russia has issued a statement warmly approving the suggestion for an international conference on Russia, and declaring that payment of Russia's debts cannot be expected unless Russia is admitted to facilities to create means for payment.

### DEVELOPMENT OF NETHERLANDS E. INDIES.

#### Lost in America.

The First Chamber of the State-General has adopted the Bill authorising a loan of \$100,000,000 in America for the Dutch Indies at a maximum interest of 7½ per cent. The first instalment of thirty millions is being issued immediately.

### THE INGERSOLL CO. RECEIVERSHIP.

#### British Company's Disclaimer.

London, December 29.—The British Ingersoll Watch Company announce that they are not connected with the firm of Robert Ingersoll and Brother (of New York), to whom yesterday's message referred.

### GERMAN CURRENCY INFLATION.

#### Another M. 4,428,000,000 Issued.

London, December 29.—The Reichsbank note circulation has been increased to M. 4,428,000,000. The weekly increase amounts to M. 100,000,000.

### ALLEGED

### EMBEZZLEMENT.

#### Motor Boat Employee Charged.

Kwong Kwoh Ching was charged before Mr. J. R. Wong at the Police Court this morning for that he is on the 26th December, whilst in the employ of the Moonraker Motorboat Company, did abscond the sum of \$33 received by him from various customers.

The manager of the Motorboat Company said that defendant was in charge of Motorboat No. 2. It was his duty to collect the payments on the hiring of this boat, and to hand them in the usual course at the end of each day to an office employee. On the 26th instant that employee went to collect the money. He found the boat moored alongside the Pier. The crew were asleep but the defendant was missing. The Manager reported the matter to the police and at 7 p.m. the following day defendant was arrested in Wan-chai. His excuse was that he had been robbed of the money but was too ashamed to tell the Manager so.

Technical evidence in regard to the process of entering the receipts into the Company's account books was then given by another witness, after which the hearing was adjourned for the evidence of the co-suspect. Bail was granted to the defendant in the sum of \$100.

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### ON THE WATERFRONT.

#### Shipping Firm Changes Its Name.

The shipping firm of Struthers and Dixon has been thoroughly reorganized and enlarged, starting with new ships with the new year. Captain Dixon has taken his interests being taken over by Mr. Fred M. Barry, who has been General Manager of the Company, and this firm style has been changed to Struthers and Barry. Captain Paul Chandler, Agent at Hongkong for the past two years has been promoted to General Agent and leaves on the Empress of Asia next week for Shanghai to take over his new duties. Mr. G. P. Bradford, for several years connected with the Pacific Mail at Manila, is succeeding Captain Chandler as local Agent of Struthers and Barry. It is said this Company will make early announcement of increased shipping facilities important to this port. Captain Chandler has made numerous friends in Hongkong during his two years' stay and his departure will be regretted. But Hongkong's loss is Shanghai's gain.

Passengers Arrived.

The Admiralty Line steamer Silver State brought 28 cabin passengers to Hongkong this morning. Amongst these were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Benson of the American Express Company.

The Empress of Asia which arrived this forenoon brought a lot of saloon passengers. One of these was Dr. Lim Boon Kong, formerly of Singapore and now of Amoy.

Closing On Monday.

The Harbour Department will be closed on Monday except the junk office which will be open from 11 a.m. to 12 noon and the entry and clearance office which will be open from 10 a.m. to 12.

General.

The Blue Funnel steamer Cyclops brought 33 first class, 80 second class and 581 third class passengers to Hongkong. These

as a matter of fact, were naval ratings.

The O.S.K. steamer Arabia

Maru had 1500 tons of cargo for Hongkong, mainly flour, cotton goods, salt fish and general merchandise.

Hotel Launches At Fault.

There is a lot of crowding alongside steamers going on in the harbour now" said H. E. Langley, of the Water Police, giving evidence in the Marine Court this morning in a case in which the masters of three steam launches, Teviot, Hongkong Hotel and King Edward Hotel were charged with allowing their launches to be outside of more than two other launches alongside the Siyuan on the 24th inst. Witness boarded the vessel when she arrived and on leaving her he found the defendants lying alongside, four abreast.

They were fined \$15 each with the alternative of one month with hard labour.

Other Cases.

Two men and two women were charged with allowing their boats to lie in Causeway Bay Harbour at 3 p.m. on the 29th. The evidence showed that the weather was fine and the defendants were not discharging cargo. Fined \$2 with the alternative of seven days with hard labour.

The same sentence was imposed on a man for anchoring his boat in the Bay Ferry, near Salt Fish Lane. Defendant said he did not know the regulation. He does now.

For throwing articles from a fishing boat for the purpose of preventing seizure another man was ordered to pay a fine of \$5 with the alternative of 14 days' hard labour.

In Wireless Communication.

The following vessels were in wireless communication with the wireless station at the Wireless Telegraph Office, 100 Queen's Road Central, on December 29th.

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8. The *Empress of Asia* (Admiralty Line) from Shanghai to Hongkong.

### CHINESE NEWS.

#### A Unification Scheme.

Our Canton correspondent reports that President Sun Yat-sen intends to inspect Chuanchow (a district on the north border of Kwangsi province near Hsiam) recently and large forces have been ordered to have the route cleared of bandits.

About one hundred recruits, enlisted in Chuanchow by order of Sun Yat-sen, have arrived at Canton, and will be transported to Kwailin in a few days.

All the inhabitants of Canton have been ordered to display a national flag in front of their houses on New Year's Day. All the flag makers are making a very handsome profit as the price has gone up to one hundred per cent.

A Peking telegram to hand states that a certain prominent person has proposed a scheme for bringing about the union of the country; that besides Chan Jok-lin, Tso Kuan and Wu Pui-fo, who have been already appointed Inspectors, Lu Yung-chang should be appointed Inspector of Chekiang and Fukien, Ko Pung-chuan of Yunnan, Lau Shewng of Szechuan, Yeung Tsan-sen of Shensi and Kansu, Chan King-ming of Kwangtung and Kwangsi, Tsai Sit-yuen of Kiangsu and Kiangsi.

It is reported that Liang Shih-ting has wired to the United States that China would agree to all the terms in regard to the proposed loan guaranteed with the tobacco and wine revenue provided that the amount is increased to \$50,000,000.

We take the following from the *Canton Times*:

As more than twenty shops and stores in Chim-ko, Honam, were burnt down by fire one month ago, the Bureau of Public Works intends to construct a new malo on the locality where the fire occurred with a view to improving the narrow and zigzag street there. Owners of the burnt shops and stores have been directed to erect their new buildings after special regulations are made by the Bureau.

Several rice junks would have been plundered by robbers in Chu-chow. The robbers lay themselves in ambush in the hills beside the river. When they saw the junks approaching, several of them came near by boat. The "Lui Yui" fired at them and a fierce fight ensued which lasted for nearly an hour. Finally the robbers were severely beaten.

The Bureau of Public Health determines to utilize the site of the former Canton Medical College as a Reformatory Hospital for opium smokers. The Hospital which has an accommodation for fifty persons will be put under the supervision of the Municipal Hospital and will be allowed to exist only for a period of six months.

The Tenth Year budget of the province for the coming fiscal year (commencing June 1, 1922, ending June 30, 1923) has been handed over by Governor Chen Ching-ting to the Provincial Assembly for sanction. The total amount of expenditures amounts to \$37,404,615.00 of which \$49,833.00 are appropriated for the department of Foreign Affairs; \$3,244,731.00 for the department of Internal Affairs; \$32,502.185, for military expenditures; \$63

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## THE FIRE BRIGADE.

European Police to be  
Relieved.

A radical change is to take place shortly in the personnel of the Hongkong Fire Brigade. According to the latest orders issued by the Captain Superintendent of Police, Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, it is stated that from the 1st January, 1922, all European firemen (practically all of whom are members of the Police Force) will be disassociated from the Brigade in order that they may discharge their regular duties more effectively. The Brigade will then be reorganised and all the firemen will be Chinese, under the direct control of Mr. G. C. Moss, who has just been promoted Station Officer from the post of Assistant Station Officer. The Government has communicated with the London Fire Brigade with a view to obtaining the services of an experienced Superintendent and an Assistant Station Officer for the Hongkong Brigade. When the two men arrive, Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe will be relieved of the responsibility as Superintendent.

Chinese Firemen Capable.

In the Fire Brigade there are at present about 60 Chinese firemen, some of whom have had considerable training and experience, and this number will be increased after the European Police officers have severed their connection with the department. We asked a European officer what he thought of it.

"Oh yes, the Chinese firemen have been doing excellent work," said he, when an S. C. M. Post representative sought his views as to whether Chinese firemen would make good substitutes for the Europeans. "Some of the Chinese are really hard working, diligent and reliable men, and with the frequent drills to which they are being subject, they will develop into good firemen. A large number of the present Chinese staff are properly qualified men, well acquainted with the fire-fighting methods, and with a little direction can tackle an outbreak."

Both Sections Pleased.

The staff has recently been increased by twenty to meet the requirements of the new sub-Station in Praya East. The replacement of the European members who are attached to the Police Force by regular Chinese has been the wish of the authorities for some time. It has been hailed with delight by both Europeans and Chinese; the former are delighted to be freed from doing a by no means pleasant job, for which they are paid a paltry sum, and the latter are proud of the confidence which has been placed in their capability.

On the 1st January the firemen, which have been under the control of the Harbour Master for some time, will be handed to the charge of the Fire Brigade.

The following is the Police order concerning the reorganisation of the Brigade. It is signed by Mr. Wolfe.

"The old Fire Brigade organisation will cease to exist on and after 1st January, 1922, when the new Fire Brigade staff as shown in the 1922 estimates will commence work. The European members of the Fire Brigade, except those whose services are specially retained, will terminate their services with the Brigade on the 31st December, 1921.

"The services of the European firemen stationed in Kowloon will be temporarily retained until further notice. Any European firemen stationed who is desirous of carrying on after 31st December, 1921, as a fireman should notify the Chief Officer of the Brigade (The Captain Superintendent of Police) forthwith.

Thanks for Past Services.

"I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all the members of the Hongkong Police, both past and present firemen, for their valuable services in the Hongkong Fire Brigade. Their initiative, daring and pluck have saved many lives and much valuable property for a period of more than 30 years. I also wish all European firemen to understand that the new arrangements are entirely due to the increasing demands on the services of the Fire Brigade, which make it difficult, if not impossible, for officers to combine fire duties effectively with their duties as Police officers, and act to any falling off in the manner in which such duties have been and are being performed at present."

The only Europeans in the re-organised staff are the Superintendent and the Station Officer, Messrs. E. D. C. Wolfe and G. Moss respectively.

UNEVEN IS THE HEM THAT TRIMS  
THE GOWN!

By Marian Hale.

Uneven is the hem that trims the gown, and the front show the skirt short at the side. Where an all-around

paraphrase, are the lines of the even hem is effected, you may count on a decided transparency in the material.

Hems are so careless of the horizontal line that at first glance it looks as though the old days of hanging a skirt perfectly even were over. Instead, the artistic abandonment of these uneven hem is painfully accurate in its inaccuracy!

It's because of the graceful draperies used in the new gowns that the hem of old have been abandoned.

Side drapes of soft material fall sometimes to the ankles, while the skirt itself reaches even above the eight-inches-from-the-ground limit.

## FUNERALS.

## Public Tributes.

The funerals took place last evening of the late Mr. Percy Burn and the Mr. G. J. Robinson, whose sudden deaths we reported yesterday.

The esteem and respect in which Mr. Burn was held by civil servants in Hongkong was amply shown by the large number of Government officials who attended his funeral held at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. Among those who followed the bier were the Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Hon. Mr. C. Mc. Messer, Hon. Mr. E. Irving, Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Capt. Neville, the Governor's A.D.C., Lieut. Conway Hake, R.N.R., Messrs. J. R. Wood, E. D. C. Wolfe, H. H. J. Gompertz, A. E. Wood, E. W. Hamilton, H. A. Nisbet, A. Dyer Ball, G. R. Sayer, W. Schofield, H. Green, G. H. Wakeman, T. M. Hazlerigg, N. L. Smith, H. R. Phillips, S. E. B. McElberry, T. F. O'Sullivan, E. L. Stainfield, and other members of the Supreme Court staff. The bier was interred in the Protestant Cemetery, the Rev. H. Copley Mayle performing the burial rites.

A wealth of beautiful wreaths was placed on the grave, including those sent by the following: The Government of Hongkong, Messrs. Dennys and Bowley, Interpreters and Translators of the Supreme Court, Chinese Staff of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, Chinese staff of the Imports and Exports, Bailiffs of the Supreme Court, Government Audit Department, Sir William Rees Davies, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wakeman, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. A. Denison, Mr. and Mrs. Constantine John Hammes, Messrs. C. F. Mason, J. Scott Harston, F. X. d'Almada e Castro, A. E. Wood, Hugh Adair Nisbet, L. E. S. Hodge, C. D. Melbourne, J. A. E. Bullock, W. Schofield, H. H. J. Gompertz, J. B. Thomson, T. H. G. Brayfield and Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N., and Lieut. Conway Hake, R.N.

The funeral of the late Mr. Robinson was largely attended, the chief mourner being Mrs. Robinson. Interment took place in the Protestant Cemetery, the Rev. J. Kirk Macauley officiating at the graveside.

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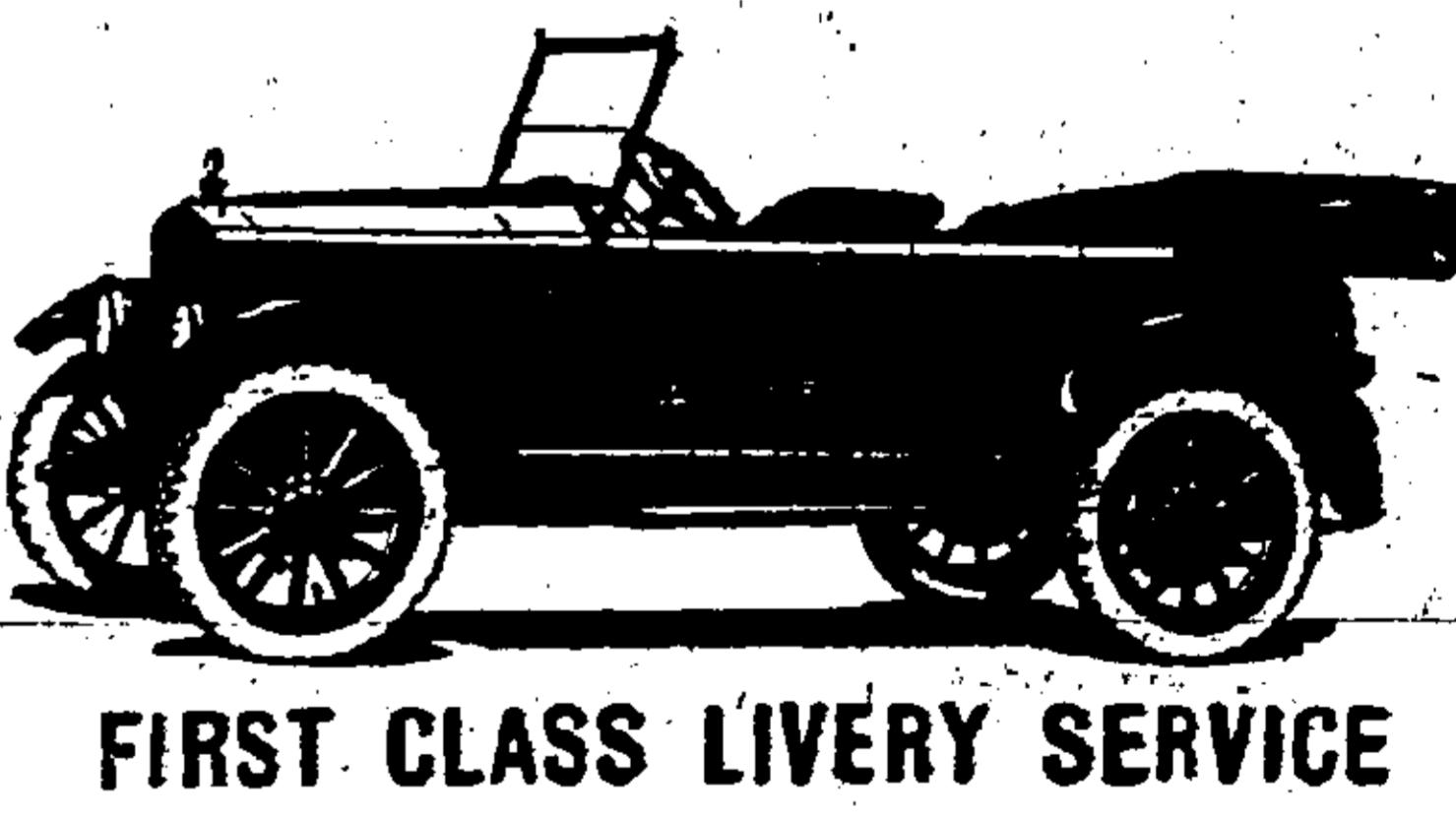
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THE BANKRUPTCY OF  
MR. HUMPHREYS.Judgment for Hongkong  
Bank.

Judgment was given in H.M. Supreme Court, Shanghai, on December 23rd, in the appeal by the Bank of China against a ruling by his Honour Judge Grain in the matter of the Cecil Humphreys carpet factory. Both the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank and the Bank of China claim the property as security for loans, and the Assistant Judge decided in favour of the first named Bank.

The Chief Judge said: The facts are that in January last the bankrupt Humphreys was seeking money for his business and he saw the manager of the appellant Bank about it. As a result, the letter of January 4 was written by him and the proposals, therein contained were accepted by the Bank on the same day.

## The Banks' Dispute.

The letters were read, and his Lordship proceeded: The effect was an undertaking by the Bank to advance monies for packing credits or the purchase of raw material up to Tls. 50,000 at any one time; interest to be at 7 per cent., the amount to be guaranteed by Cecil Humphreys & Co. and liquidated by shipments; all banking business in relation to the factory was to be done through the Bank of China, and a proper legal document of security was to be drawn up. It is to be noted that the whole matter was arranged "in reference to our carpet factory." No document of security was ever drawn up and a real step ever seem to have been taken by the Bank to get one; no monies were advanced for packing credits or the purchase of raw material. It is not argued by counsel for the Hongkong Bank that, if any such advances had been made, there would have been an equitable charge created in favour of the Bank of China on the factory.

What actually happened was that a few days later Humphreys told the Bank that he had not yet got the factory and obtained from them some Tls. 40,000 for the purpose of purchasing it; and with that sum did actually purchase it. The cheque is dated January 2 and it is really in respect of this sum that the charge is claimed. Later on in the same month after other negotiations with the Bank of China, the International Bank and the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, Humphreys obtained very considerable sums of money from the last named Bank and executed proper legal documents of security to them on the carpet factory. It is not disputed in any way that the decision of the Court below that the charge of the Hongkong Bank is a good one is wrong: what is claimed is that the decision is wrong in that the Judge decided that the Bank of China had no charge under the circumstances above detailed.

Having dealt with the decision of the learned judge below, and the ground on which the appeal was based, the Chief Judge proceeded:

In the view I take of the matter,

it is unnecessary to decide the

difficult and technical point on the

Statute of Frauds, nor need I say

more than that the *Lei Loci Rei Sitae* governs, according to the law

administered in this Court, trans-

actions in land in China. For, ad-

mitting for the sake of argument

that the contention of the Bank of

China is correct that the Statute

of Frauds does not apply and that

Chinese Law does not require a

transaction like this to be in writing,

it is undoubtedly that an English Court

would scrutinize very carefully in-

deed any alleged parol variation

of a written contract. Such varia-

tion of addition must be positive and

definite; and the evidence tendered

here is nothing like strong enough

to carry me to the conclusion that

any such was agreed upon. There

is only the one witness to it; the

other party is not here; his subse-

quent dealing with the appellant

Bank and with the other Banks do

not lend colour to the story that

any such was made, and lastly to

hold that such was done would be to

convict Humphreys in his absence

of gross fraud—a conclusion from

which I shrink unless driven thereto

by clear and unmistakable evi-

dence. The appeal, therefore, must

be dismissed, and the appellants

must pay the taxed costs of the

Hongkong Bank in this Court.

The Assistant Judge concurred.

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## INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

Ahmedabad, Dec. 29.

The Committee of the National Congress passed a resolution that all other activities should be suspended in order to concentrate attention on civil disobedience. The resolution urges the organisation of meetings throughout the country, notwithstanding their prohibition, and appeals to all to offer themselves for arrest by becoming volunteers. It invests Gandhi, or his successors in case he is arrested, with full powers over Congress organisation, with the proviso that he is not authorised to conclude any terms of peace with the Government without the previous sanction of Congress.

The split mentioned on 28th December occurred at the Khilafat Conference which met simultaneously with the Subjects Committee of the Nationalist Congress. The Nationalist Congress, with a dozen documents adopted Gandhi's creed, the resolution previously adopted by the Subjects Committee as called earlier. The resolution also recommends the maintenance of the present non-violence creed.

## THE IRISH TREATY.

London, Dec. 29.

It is believed in Dublin that ratification of the treaty is assured when the Dail Eireann reassembles. Unconfirmed reports state that a compromise has been reached between the followers of De Valera and Griffith in favour of acceptance.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## TO BE LET.

TO LET.—Floors in the new Bank Building, 4, Des Voeux Road, Central—Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

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Balls for Haiphong and Hoihow every alternate Tuesday. The favorite passenger steamer HAI-MUN. (Capt. Charles E. Page). Nos. 28th November, 1921, leaving Hongkong; Nos. 12th December, 1921, arriving Hongkong; Nos. 27th December, 1921, leaving Hongkong; Nos. 10th, 24th, 31st December, 1921, and 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th January, 1922, arriving Hongkong.

## BANK HOLIDAY.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be closed for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on Monday, 2nd January, 1922. Hongkong, 28th December, 1921.

## NOTICE.

DEPARTURE OF 2ND WILTSHIRE REGT.

It is requested that all claims against the "Officers' Mess" be forwarded to the undersigned forthwith.

Major R. CULVER.  
2nd Wiltshire Regt.  
Murray Barracks.

## DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, HONGKONG.

English New Year Holidays, Monday & Tuesday, January 2 & 3, 1922. Term resumes Tuesday, January 17, 1922, at noon. Next Term begins on Monday, February 13, 1922, at 8.30 a.m.

Examinations for New Boys will be held on Saturday, February 11th, 1922, at 10 a.m.

W. T. FEATHERSTONE,  
Headmaster.

Imports and Exports Index,  
Hongkong, 25th December 1921.

## NOTICE.

Members of the public are hereby notified that all duty-paid European Liquors (except Beer, Stout and cider) on sale in Hongkong will, after 1st January, 1922, bear across their corks labels signifying that duty has been paid. They are requested to ensure that such labels are not opening broken in such a manner as to prevent their irregular use a second time.

N. L. SMITH,  
Superintendent  
Imports and Exports.

## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders by Lieutenant-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O.

Administrative Commandant.

HONGKONG.

Friday, 30th December, 1921.

## 1. Parades.

Parades for Infantry, Machine Gunners, Lewis Gunners (Trained Men and Recruits) will reconvene at Volunteer Headquarters on Monday, 2nd January and Friday, 6th January, at Kowloon, at 5.30 p.m.

Dress: Plain Clothes.

## 2. Musketry.

Part II. Annual Musketry Course will be fired by the MOUNTED INFANTRY SECTION on Sunday, 8th January, on High West Range, commencing at 10 a.m. Dress: Drill Order.

Officer for duty: 2nd Lieutenant S. E. Grimstone.

## 3. Cadet Company.

Parades. Owing to the New Year holiday the next parade will be held at Headquarters on Monday, 9th January, 1922, at 5.30 p.m.

G. F. E. RAPSON, Lt-Major Adjutant, H.V.D. Corps.

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NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.  
NEW YEAR'S EVE  
Saturday, 31st December  
"FANCY DRESS"  
DINNER DANSANT AT  
REPULSE BAY HOTEL  
(Sunday being New Year's Day, the above Dinner Dance will commence from 7.30 p.m.)

Monday, 2nd January, 1922  
DINNER DANSANT  
AT REPULSE BAY HOTEL

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NEW GRILL ROOM  
A DINNER DANSANT will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL NEW GRILL ROOM on NEW YEAR'S EVE, Saturday, 31st December, 1921.

## REPULSE BAY HOTEL

A SPECIAL TIFFIN will be served on NEW YEAR'S DAY, Sunday, 1st January, 1922.

The Hotel Orchestra will be in attendance, and bookings may be made either at the REPULSE BAY HOTEL or the HONGKONG HOTEL MAIN OFFICE.

NOTICE.  
Joseph Bros.

Notice is hereby given that in consequence of ill health I have closed the office formerly carried on by me at 6 Des Voeux Road Central under the style or firm name of Joseph Bros. All communications and correspondence regarding the firm should be addressed to me c/o The Hongkong Hotel until further notice.

EDWARD M. JOSEPH.  
Hongkong, 31st Dec., 1921.

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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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From SAN FRANCISCO via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS AND DAIREN.

The Steamship  
"PERSIA MARU."

The above-named steamer having arrived on Friday, the 30th Dec., 1921, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at Consignees' risk.

Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after Friday, the 6th January, 1922.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godown, where same will be examined on Saturday, the 7th January 1922, at 10 a.m.

No claims will be recognised after the goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Y. TSUTSUMI,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 30th Dec., 1921.

G. R.  
NOTICE.

The public are hereby reminded that private jinrikisha-chairs and their drivers are due for rehenging on January 1st 1921.

E. D. C. WOLFE,  
Captain Superintendent of Police  
Hongkong, 28th Dec., 1921.

## HONG AND KONG'S CIRCUS

at the  
11th Dec. 1921, 1. Bridges St. et  
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## NEW GRILL ROOM

The usual TEA AND DINNER DANSANT will NOT be held on Friday, 30th December.

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## PEAK HOTEL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that consequent upon the impending change of ownership of the above Hotel all persons having any accounts outstanding against the above Hotel are hereby requested to send particulars of such accounts to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of January, 1922, so that the same may be duly paid and satisfied.

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## EXCHANGE.

Opening Rate: closing Rate on Page 11.

## SELLING.

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40 days ..... 2/8  
T/T Shanghai ..... 113  
T/T Singapore ..... 113  
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T/T India ..... 195  
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T/T Java ..... 151  
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1 m/s. L/C ..... 2.91  
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10 days. San Francisco ..... 58  
1 m/s. Marks ..... 119  
1 m/s. France ..... 7.45  
5 m/s. France ..... 7.65  
Demand, Germany ..... 55  
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## THE BOOKSHELF.

## (By "Librarian.")

## THE FAR NORTH.

The unknown spots of the world are rapidly diminishing. A great advance has been witnessed during the past dozen years. The first claimant to the distinction of having reached the Pole (for the Northern extremity) is usually known as "the Pole" was one who sought to Cook a narrative.

His successor, Peary, duly satisfied the experts. Without delay the Antarctic was tackled and conquered. At the present time the Andrews expedition is engaged on exploration work around the Central Asian Plateau, the alleged cradle of mankind.

One of these adventures has just put forth a finely illustrated volume entitled "Greenland by the Polar Seas" (Heinemann, 36s). The famous Danish explorer, Knud Rasmussen, a native of those remote parts, is the author.

In ancient days Thule was the name given to the unknown and semi-mythical land that formed the most northerly spot on the earth. To-day that land, once as vague and legendary as old Atlantis, is now on the map, for Rasmussen has given the name to his base on the north-west of Greenland.

Extremely interesting details of the most northerly people in the world, the Polar Eskimos, or Arctic Highlanders, as the author calls them, appear in the book (which has been translated into English).

Not till 1818, when John Ross found them, was anything known of these people, and though Peary and others have visited them in more recent years, our knowledge comes mainly through Rasmussen. The author-explorer was born in Greenland; as a child he heard of these almost unknown people of the most northerly human settlement. He thus describes his childhood days:

With occasional breaks I have lived with these people—Arctic Highlanders—since 1903 and I have learned to love them as highly as I admire their remarkable ability to live in these harsh regions.

No hunter exists up there with whom I have not hunted, and there is hardly a child whose name I do not know. But then the tribe consists of not more than about 250 individuals.

They are the people who gave so much help to Peary on his Polar journeys.

The Eskimos owe not a little to Peary, but, on the other hand, without their help Peary's name might have been less famous than it is now, for they followed him on all his expeditions, left home and country and kind, and put their whole existence at stake in realising the fantastic travelling scheme of a foreign man.

When Peary came there for the first time, the tribe was in all essentials untouched. Guns were hardly known, the chief weapon on land being the bow, and on sea the harpoon. Long before Peary finished his last expedition, all the hunters possessed the most modern breech-loading guns.

They are a race of wandering hunters, never living for more than a year or two in the same place. Generally there is little need to build new houses, for the wanderers settle in any empty houses they find in the chosen new area, either houses built long years ago by remote ancestors, or those just vacated by other victims of the wanderlust.

With train-oil lamps and wall-coverings of skins, the stone houses or snow huts are kept warm, so that the idea of an Eskimo as a being for ever wrapped in fur is mistaken.

Indoors, men and women alike strip to the waist, wearing only ar boots and trousers. Here is a picture of life in these houses:

I decide to pay a morning call on Iterlikuk, a gossiping widow of 50. Her house also is filled with travellers, and while her visitors sleep she herself is stark naked by the lamp, like one of the holy virgins guarding the lamps that the precious light shall not be extinguished during the night.

For up here it is reckoned a great disgrace if the guests of the house should wake up in the cold with the lamp gone out. According to the custom of the country, I also must pull off my clothes and press in between Iterlikuk and one of her friends.

With its coloured plates, in

drawings by Eskimos themselves, the book is a mine of information regarding the life, habits and folklore of a little-known people.

It is possible, is it even thinkable, for a man at the age of 45 to stop growing old, and revert to boyhood again? A quick change transformation, by a magical agency, such as in "Vice Versa," we can accept as a fantasy. But this incredible happening is the theme of Mr. Oliver Onions' new story "The Tower of Oblivion" (Hodder and Stoughton), and fantastic as the idea is, the author handles it so deftly and with such persuasive skill that not only do we believe in the progress back to youth of Derwent Rose, but we participate in his agony of mind and the appalling difficulties that beset him in the various stages of his topsy-turvy Odyssey.

Lord Curzon, who is said to be contemplating the publication of a volume of verse for private circulation, served his apprenticeship to literature during his school-days. He was a frequent contributor to the "Etonian" at a time when that periodical was receiving help also from J. K. Stephen—later the author of "Lappon Calamity"—and from Cecil Spring Rice, afterward British Ambassador at Washington. Several articles and verses were reprinted in the "Etonian" in a little volume entitled "Out of School at Eton," which Lord Curzon subsequently edited.

Brought up as a girl among boys, she enjoyed from the first the advantages of co-education. Her ambition, as a child, was to do all that her elder brothers did, and she tried with them in learning to ride and drive, besides playing a very passable game of cricket.

When they were studying for the Naval College, she joined with them in their practical instruction on the brig moored for the purpose at Virginia Water, near Windsor.

There she learned to know the different parts of a ship and its rigging, and to row on the lake when she was not required to assist in preparing the picnic tea, which followed the afternoon games. Later she took lessons in swimming at the Bath Club.

A LIBERAL EDUCATION.

When her brothers left home her education began in real earnest. Her governess was Miss Dussey, and her studies were closely supervised by the Queen Victoria, as well as a matter of great interest to the general public.

From girlhood she has spoken French and German fluently, is fond of sketching and photography, and has studied music under Miss Parratt, daughter of the King's Master of Music.

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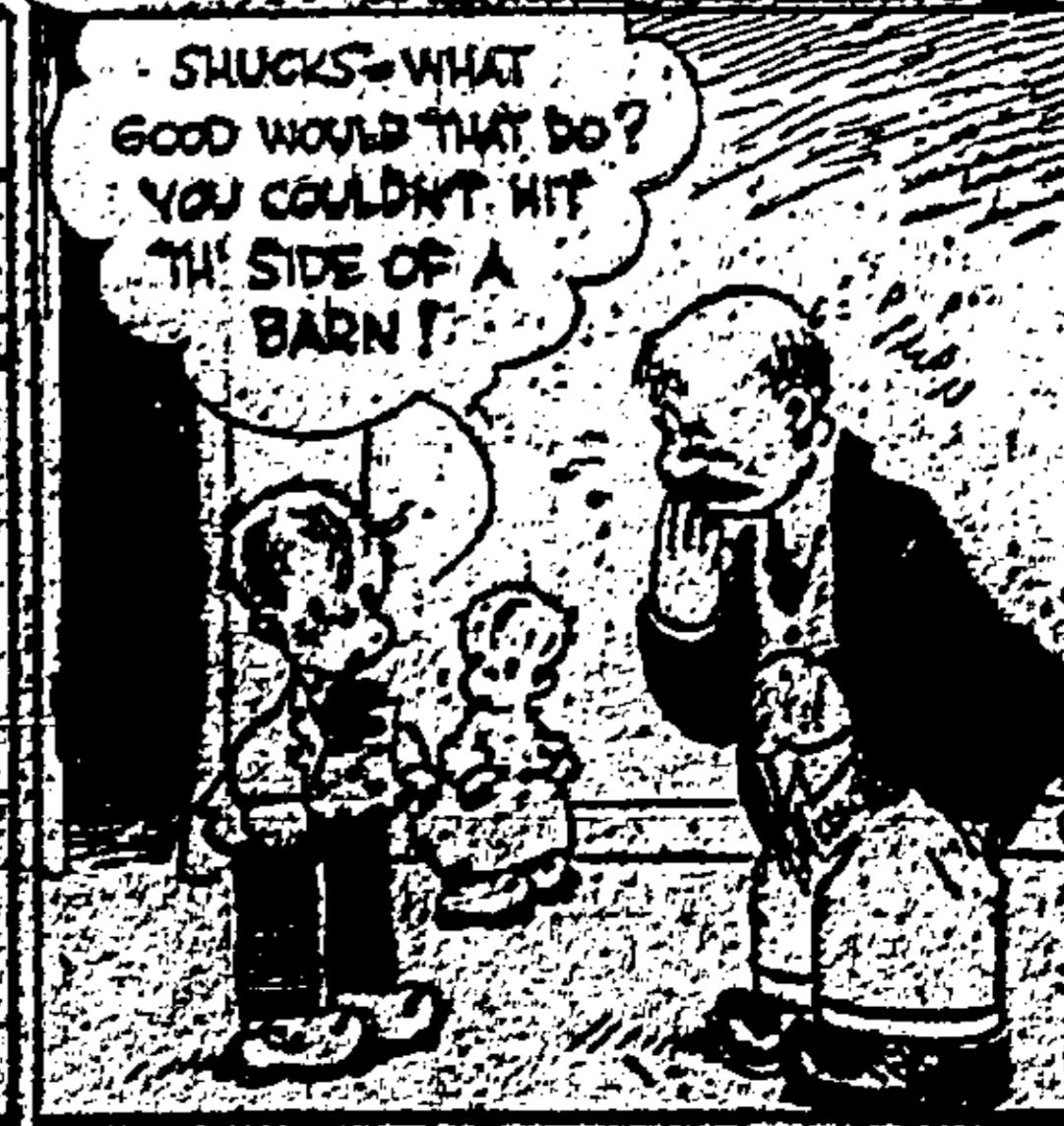
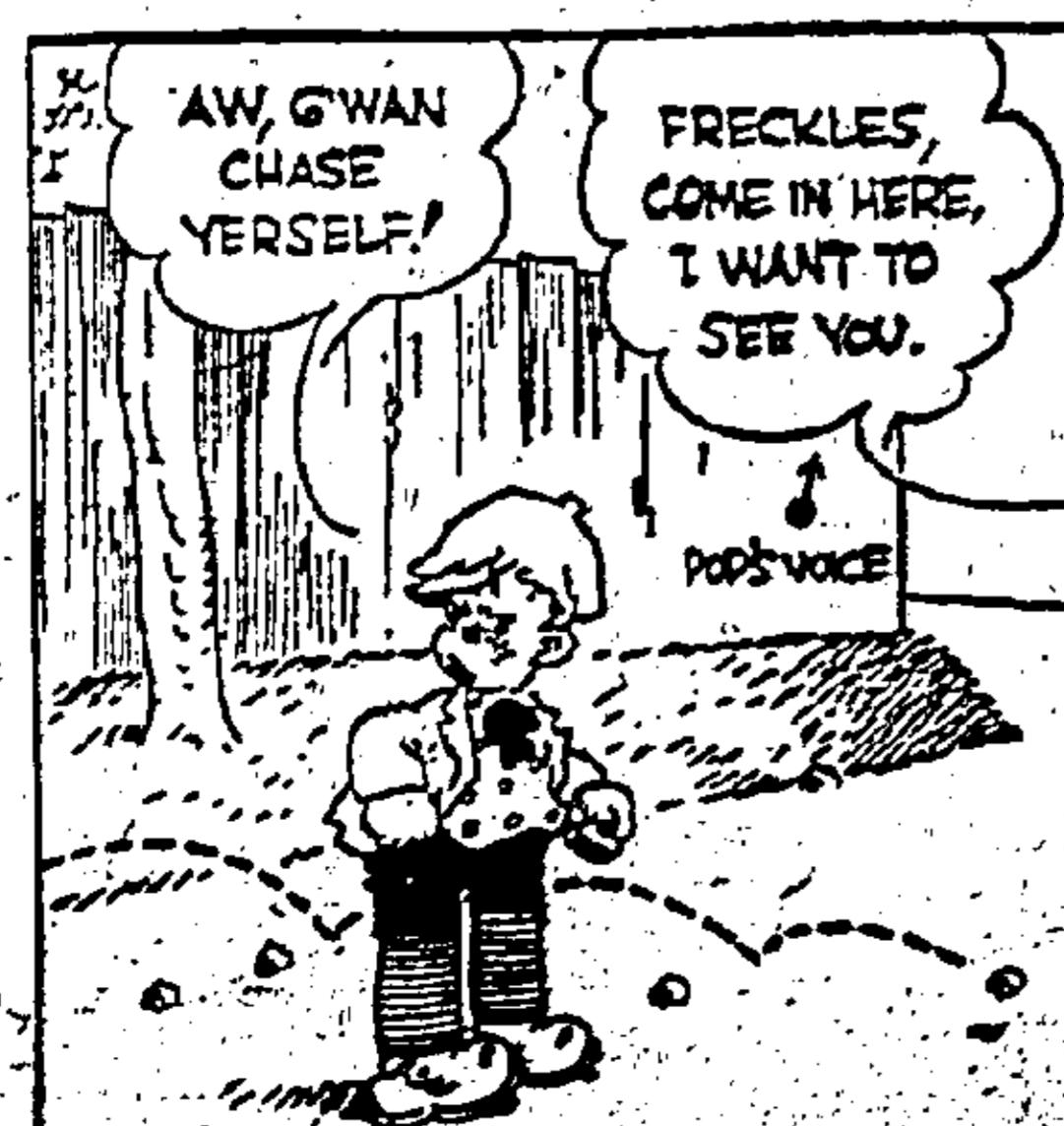
when I spoke to him. Man, gloomily.—Yes. One was a policeman. Aggrieved woman at Marylebone Police Court.—I believe that when I am in my grave the police will pull me out and bring me to Court.

A barrister contended at Mid-public house or outside when this dries Sessions that a man was there to back horses.

Solicitor at Marylebone County Court.—Were you inside when this happened? Man.—I was just ed poor mentality by marrying when he was seventeen and having in.

Policeman at Enfield.—There were several children in the road twenty-one.

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## Acknowledgment.

MRS. ROBINSON desires to thank her friends for their kind expression of sympathy in her recent sad bereavement.

## Death.

ROBINSON.—On 23rd December, 1921, at the Peak Hospital, George James Robinson, aged 37 years. Deeply regretted. (Shang-hai papers please copy.)

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1921.

## "EXTRALITY" THROUGH CHINESE EYES.

With the question of extra-territoriality so much to the fore it is instructive to learn what the other side is thinking. That is especially the case when the other side's arguments are put forward by a gentleman like Mr. Ku Hung-ming, an ex-official whose personal integrity is attested by his comparative poverty after a full share of opportunities for acquiring wealth, and whose composition, moreover, is so clear and so natural as to suggest an Englishman born and bred. Mr. Ku has advanced thus far in his comprehension of things English, yet, as is demonstrated in a communication from him to the Press, his mentality remains singularly Oriental. Although he supports the abolition of "extrality," he is in no particular hurry for abolition to be brought about, but his reason for this attitude is surely a novel one. Just listen to Mr. Ku for a moment: "The average Western man has to be governed by the rigid technical law of the lawyer because he has not yet been imbued with—has not yet in his bones, like the average Chinese—the spirit of the law, of the gentleman."

There is a colossal self-complacency about this calm assertion. Some features of the Chinese social system, not as widely known among our countrymen as they deserve to be, are admirable in their character, but here we are concurred with the specific question of the administration of justice. Mr. Ku would refrain from abolishing extrality immediately (more, we judge that he would withhold his consent to immediate abolition) because Westerners have not yet shown themselves qualified to participate in the privilege of Chinese justice! To Mr. Ku this evidently stands, not for the iniquity that it has often been proved to be, but for an ideal system. This is on a par with the old habit of calling all other races "barbarians." In other words, Mr. Ku blandly reverses the positions; it is the Westerner who is to undergo a sort of probationary period.

Well, there is the less reason to quarrel with Mr. Ku seeing that no Westerner is likely to dispute his thesis that extrality should not be abolished immediately. Yet the frame of mind which possesses that gentleman is obviously not calculated to lead to a better understanding. Supposing the Chinese character to be as highly developed and as law-abiding as Mr. Ku represents it to be, this only accentuates the iniquities of Chinese justice. The department entrusted with the administration of the law has, we understand, made considerable progress not only in evolving a modern code but in the constitution of suitable tribunals and in procedure, chiefly, however, at places under Western eyes, such as the Treaty ports. How much remains to be done is shown by the frequent reports (to take a single instance) from Harbin, where Russians as well as Chinese are handled in a manner subversive of all Western conceptions of justice. When first these reports came along we were disposed to regard them as exaggerations, and it may be that a substantial discount should still be allowed; but it is incredible that there should be so many of these reports without tangible ground. With such things going on in the face of Occidentals, what must the position be away from the coast?

## NOTES &amp; COMMENTS.

## Overcrowding

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock will have to wait a little longer before he gets any satisfaction on the question of overcrowding, for the answers given him in the Legislative Council were entirely uninformative and only told him that more time was wanted to prepare replies. But we sincerely hope that Mr. Pollock will renew his questions at some later date, because he has raised a matter of the most vital importance to the health of this Colony. We should like to emphasize the figures which Mr. Pollock quoted from the recent Census Report, and we will put them this way—if all the floors in Hongkong and Kowloon occupied by Chinese can give an average accommodation to 15 persons per floor (a fairly high average) there are still 50,000 Chinese left over with no accommodation at all. It is obvious that this large number finds accommodation somewhere and the only inference is that in some districts there is a dangerous degree of overcrowding. Mr. Pollock therefore wanted to know how many new floors had been made available for occupation since the taking of the census—a number which must necessarily be small—and how many new floors are likely to be available for occupation during the first half of the coming year. For that information he will have to wait. Mr. Pollock further wanted to know whether any idea could be given of the cost of the erection by the Government of tenement houses for 100,000 Chinese workmen upon the land at Hunghom formerly occupied by McDonald's shipyard or upon other land in that neighbourhood. We can quite understand that an answer to such a question will have to be a matter of time, and we think that the figure of 100,000 is a very large one. The expense would be considerable and we shall doubtless have to wait some time before we see any scheme of that magnitude put through. But we think it would be following a wise policy if the Government seriously thought of becoming landlord of model tenement houses for the housing of the Colony's workers. They have been left to the mercies of landlords over-long and there isn't enough room for them. We remember that many years ago Prince Consort interested himself very much in such a matter on behalf of London's poor, and his endeavours resulted in the construction of whole blocks of tenements—veritable God-sends at the time and more than useful now. The poor—the working poor—have a right to decent housing and it would be a legitimate Government enterprise to sponsor a scheme for the construction of tenement buildings. Here in Hongkong, where overcrowding is so inimical to public health, there is added reason for some such step. As we said above, we hope Mr. Pollock will keep the question in mind.

## Thanks!

Well might His Excellency the Governor have thanked the members of the Legislative Council yesterday for their assistance and work during the past year, for 1921 will stand out as a year in which much good work was accomplished. And the general public can join in that thanks, too. True, we have wished for many things which have not been given; but the business of the legislator is to go slowly but surely. The most outstanding enactment of the year, and one to which much time and thought was given, was what might be called "The Tenants Charter" and the two subsequent Ordinances dealing with the limitation of landlords' powers. Based on principles of justice and public expediency they have already been powerful agencies for good, and it is the hope of all that when the time comes for their renewal and revision the Government will faithfully interpret the prevailing conditions and act in their operation for a further term. The increase in taxation on liquors and tobacco, the forgoing of the proposed additional assessment rate, the various amendments of Ordinances found to be out of date, and our own part we are happy to make an acknowledgment—belated though it might seem. The hope of the community is that those who have served us well in the year just closing will find that in 1922 their futures are just as keen, and will realize that whatever criticism is offered it is always given minus any personal animus.

of solid work accomplished within the limits of a twelve-month. The work of legislating for a Colony like Hongkong is no sinecure and for our own part we are happy to make an acknowledgment—belated though it might seem. The hope of the community is that those who have served us well in the year just closing will find that in 1922 their futures are just as keen, and will realize that whatever criticism is offered it is always given minus any personal animus.

## DAY BY DAY.

THE SECRET OF MANY A MAN'S SUCCESS IN THE WORLD RESIDES IN HIS INSIGHT INTO THE MOODS OF MEN, AND HIS TACT IN DEALING WITH THEM.—J. G. HALLIDAY.

There will be a Watch Night Service, with hymns, at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday evening at 11.30 p.m.

The General Exchange Company has obtained a lease for their offices in the ground floor of the new Club Lusitano Building.

The equipment for the new Gap Rock Wireless Station has been assembled together, and it should now be possible to start the work of erection at an early date.

There was one fatal case of plague reported yesterday: one further non-fatal case of smallpox (Chinese); and one non-fatal case of diphtheria (Portuguese).

We have received from Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., an artistic and useful wall calendar issued by the famous Manchester house of florists.

At the Congregation of the Hongkong University on January 11th, the degree of LL.D. *honoris causa*, will be conferred on Sir Charles Addis and the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., O.B.E.

At the annual general meeting of the South China Athletic Association held on the 28th inst., Mr. Wong Hui Wan was elected to succeed Mr. Ip Kau as Hon. Secretary, with effect from the 1st January 1922.

We regret to learn that a telegram has been received at Macao reporting the death of Countess de Pacod' Arcos, mother of the present Governor of Macao, which took place at Lisbon on 26th inst. Their many friends in Hongkong and Macao will feel much sympathy with H. E. Seaborne Correia da Silva and Mme. da Silva in their bereavement.

To-morrow's Picture Page will contain the following:—Grono photograph of the Scottish and English Football team; P. P. Band of the H. K. V. D. Corp.; Boxing Class of St. Stephen's College; Services' Christmas Dinner; Queen's College Tennis Team and the new Ellerman liner, City of Paris, a sister ship to the City of Simla now on her way to Hongkong for special passenger service.

## NAZIMOVA.

## For the New Year.

Nazimova, the famous Russian film star who will be seen in "The Brat" at the Coronet in the New Year, has gone far since she made her debut in a little obscure village on the shores of the Black Sea. It was as a violinist that people first knew her; after that, she became known as a premiere danseuse and a stage actress of wonderful presence and charm.

That, despite her achievements, she was wise in forsaking those departments of Art for the silent drama is demonstrated by the marvellous success she has made of her part in "The Brat." The picture occupied her time and thought for half a year but it was effort well spent for the result has been to set the seal on her fame. The Coronet management think so much of this classic film that they are doubling the strength of their orchestra in

order to furnish a musical programme that will be in keeping with "The Brat's" magnificence. A notable supporting feature in the Coronet's New Year programme will be the first number of a new topical budget which is to be called the "China Gazette." As an illustrated journal of current happenings in this country it depicts events that occur in places as far apart as Peking, Hankow and Shanghai—it should have a vast educational value.

United are at home to Kowloon and a good game should end in a win for the home team.

On Monday a very good exhibition game will be seen at Sookunpoo between teams selected to represent the Navy and Army and as this day is a general holiday, a large gathering of football enthusiasts is expected.

The Navy will play in blue and the Army in red.

The first Division League Table now stands:

## Goals.

Club.	P. W. L. D.	A. P. L.
S.C. ....	8 5 12 13 4 12	
Tamer ....	8 5 12 14 5 12	
Wilts ....	8 5 21 7 10 11	
*Club ....	8 2 24 9 5 10	
Cardew ....	6 4 1 1 10 7 8	
Police ....	9 3 4 2 11 16 8	
R.G.A. ....	3 3 3 0 9 11 6	
Cairo ....	8 2 4 2 5 7 6	
Kowloon ....	8 4 4 0 6 10 6	
Titania ....	7 1 4 2 5 15 4	
Ambrose ....	8 0 6 2 7 16 2	

12 points added.

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## FOOTBALL.

## To-morrow's Matches.

## BY "QUIZ."

The League matches for to-morrow are:

DIVISION I.—Kick off 4.00 p.m.  
Hongkong Club v. H. M. S. Ambrose.—Club ground.

R. G. A. v. Hongkong Police.—South China ground.

H. M. S. Tamar v. South China.

Navy "A" ground.

2. Giltshires v. H. M. S. Titania.

Sookunpoo ground.

DIVISION II.—Kick off 2.30 p.m.  
Wiltshire Reserves v. South China

"B" Sookunpoo ground.

South China "A" v. St. Joseph's.—St. Joseph's ground.

United A. C. v. Kowloon Reserves.—United ground.

University v. R. G. A. Reserves.

Navy "B" ground.

Attention must again be called to late starts especially in the Senior games. Clubs defaulting should understand that a late start may lose them a match although leading, should the game be stopped by bad light.

The Club are at home to the Ambrose and should improve their position in the league this week. Kubr will be back in the front line and with Beggs and Forsyth playing inside, the Ambrose defence will be kept busy. McTavish in his form in last Monday's Charly match should do well, as the sailors are not very strong in the middle line. Mair has settled down at right half and has proved a worthy substitute for Railton who is still limping badly.

Savage will be out again this week for the Ambrose. With Duval he played a good game in the International. The sailors should put up a good fight but the Club's defence should keep them out.

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The sailors have several on the injured list and it is still doubtful whether Smith and Tomkinson will be out. Mitch is safe in goal but he requires a little assistance from his backs. The Chinese are a side to be reckoned with this year and have men on the wings who can travel while their inside men know how to shoot. Kwok Po Kan played a good game in the Services and should be given a trial in this league match against the Titania.

At Sookunpoo the Wilts. are due to receive the Titania this week and the Wilts. should win.

On this ground in midweek the soldiers fielded a weak side and went down to the Hawks by 2 clear goals in a United Services League match.

The Wilts. Reserves will meet South China "B" on this ground earlier in the afternoon and should win.

The soldiers head the league but may lose their place through playing first division men against South China "A" a fortnight ago. The University and South China "A" are still in the running for Junior champions and they should both improve their positions in the league table this week.

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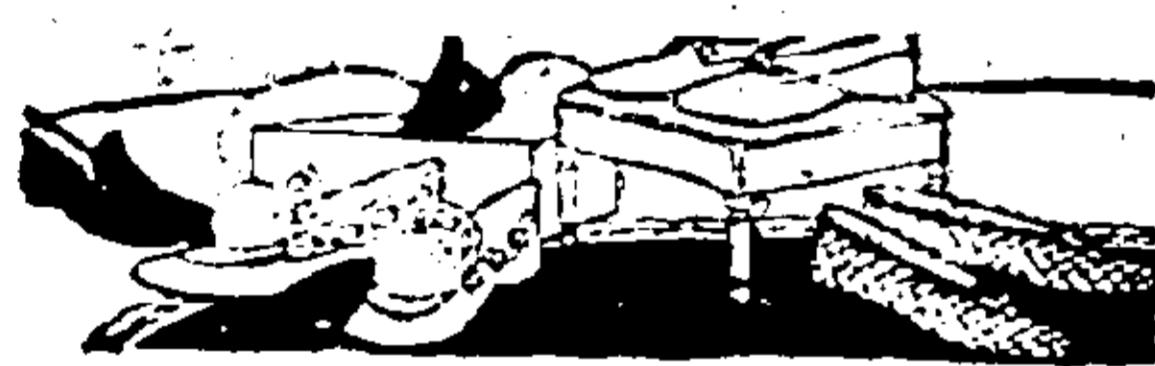
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## THE FAIRY CHAIN.

## Kowloon Children's Success.

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The entertainment was a huge success in every way. The kiddies carried out their parts without a hitch and considering the extreme youth of most of the members of the cast the acting was nothing short of marvellous. All pulled together wonderfully and those responsible for the training of such little mites as many of the artistes were to be congratulated on the way in which the show was carried through. The audience was an appreciative one and praise was unanimous.

The beautiful dresses designed by Mrs. Nightingale and the quaint and humorous rabbits and frogs' costumes lent by the A.D.C. assisted in no small measure towards the success of the entertainment. The lighting effects under the supervision of Messrs. V. Kerley, V. Walker and P. Beasley were very cleverly carried out. Mr. T. Miles, Mr. R. C. Witchell and Mrs. M. Jenner were responsible for the managing and staging of the play and they must have put in a great deal of hard work to achieve such wonderful results. Mention must be made of the orchestra, under the direction of Mr. T. Miles, who greatly assisted in making the performance a success. It was and rendered pleasing music during the change of the scenes.

## WARNING TO MOTHERS.

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## FAREWELL DINNER.

Wilts. Sergeants  
Entertained.

On Wednesday evening last the members of the Sergeants' Mess of the 2nd Batta, Wilts. Regt. gave a farewell dinner in honour of certain of the members who are shortly leaving for Home.

About eighty members and guests sat down to an excellent meal in the Sergeants' Mess (Murray Barracks), which was tastefully decorated with flags and Chinese lanterns. Among the guests were representatives from the messes of the other Units in the Garrison.

The duties of Chairman were ably performed by R. S. M. Blake.

The following is a list of the Toasts:—"The King" proposed by the Chairman; "C. O. and Officers of the Regt." proposed by R. Q. M. S. Miller; "The Wilts. Regt. Past and Present" proposed by C. S. M. Blackford; "Members of 'A' Coy. rejoining from Peking," proposed by C. S. M. Holloway; "Prospective Pensioners Other Members who are leaving for Home" proposed by C. Q. M. S. Buckland and C. S. M. Vinall; "Our Guests," proposed by Q. M. S. Alderton.

During the toast to the Prospective Pensioners, (Sgt. Snook, Pioneer Sgt., and Sgt. Sellwood, Master Tailor), the diners facetiously reminded these gentlemen of the Old Soldier's reputation for "fading away" by singing the well known ditty—"Old Soldiers Never Die." In responding, Sgt. Snook, a "man of no mean proportions," caused great amusement by expressing the belief that his chances of "fading away" were somewhat remote as it takes a lot of "fading" to get rid of seventeen stone of humanity.

Sgt. Wells, responding to the toast to "Other Members who are leaving for Home," thanked the Company for their good wishes and hoped that all who were leaving the Service would meet with the luck that had been wished for them. He, personally, did not quite know what he was going to do in civil life, but had found the call to "fresh fields and pastures new" too seductive to resist.

Other appropriate responses were made by Mr. Pullen, Q. M. S. Harmon, and Sgts. Sellwood and Lintern.

Excellent musical items were rendered by Messrs. Rule, Caine, Walton, Hunt, Woodward, and Hawkins.

A vote of thanks and other expressions of appreciation to the Entertainment Committee wound up a most enjoyable evening.

CHINESE WOMEN  
ATHLETES.What Physical Training Does  
for Them.

Here in the Orient, surrounded by the art and learning of centuries, we, visiting westerners, sometimes wonder what we may give of our mushroom civilization in exchange for the treasures of the East. Our most useful contribution may well be along the lines of public health and physical development, the bodily well-being of which China with her surplus of human wealth has often overlooked. Here in Shanghai, in the Normal School of Hygiene and Physical Education out at Kinsheng Road, the Young Women's Christian Association is training teachers to demonstrate both theoretical and practical, taking solid courses in anatomy and biology, and later physiology, first aid, theory of play, Chinese and Bible, enlivened by work in the gymnasium, group games, folk-dancing, singing, theory of gymnastic music, and Chinese boxing. In the second term of this first year she also begins a little practice work in such places as the free schools, Yangtsepo Social centre, and the Door of Hope, which is continued and enlarged in her second year's work.

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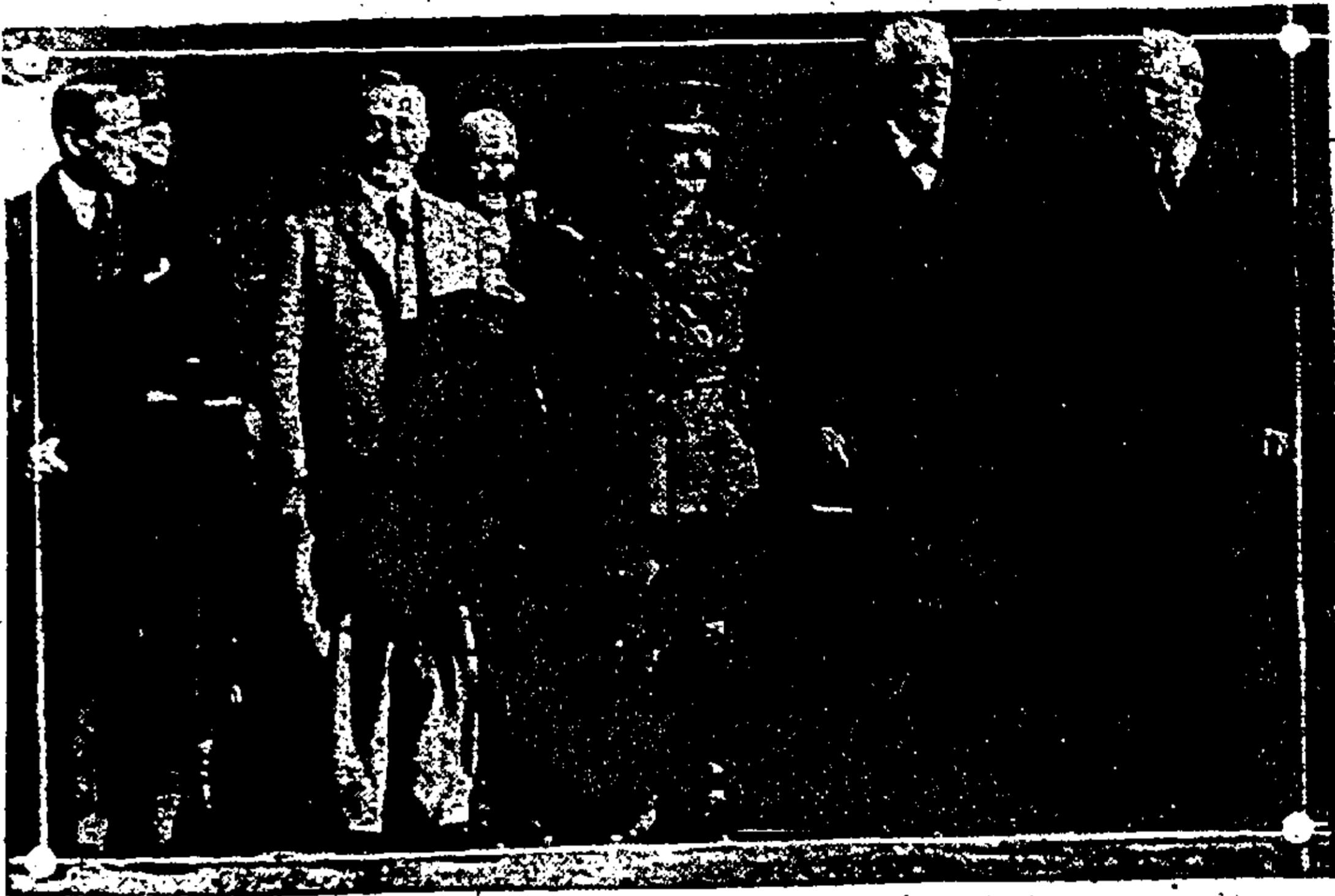
# CAMERA NEWS



"Many strange cures by faith healing have been observed and recorded all over the world. The most recent and in some respects the most remarkable of such cures, however, have been effected by Pastor Stephen Jeffreys, who conducts faith healing meetings at Horbury church, Nottting-hill Gate, England, and whose meeting are crowded by people desiring to be cured of their ills. Photo shows Pastor Jeffreys anointing a woman, who is suffering from shattered nerves.



Mr. M. C. Bos, of Amsterdam, new European billiard champion.



Left to right : Lord Lee of Fareham, Sir John Salmond, the Earl of Cavan, Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour and Secretary Hughes, photographed at the Union station, Washington, D.C.

On the arrival at Washington of the Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, acting head of the British delegation to the arms conference, was met at the Union Station by Secretary of State Hughes, Lord Lee of Fareham, who is a British delegate, and other dignitaries. Balfour was accompanied by Sir John Salmond, New Zealand's representative at the conference, and the Earl of Cavan, principal military adviser to the British arms delegation.



## SACCO AND VANCETTE GET NEW TRIAL HEARING.

The two condemned murderers, Sacco and Vancette, whose case has caused some little agitation abroad—the most noticeable being the attempt on the life of Ambassador Herrick—are shown (left to right in centre) being led to the Dedham (Mass.) court house, where they appeared for a hearing on a motion for new trial. Extraordinary precautions to prevent attempts to rescue the prisoners were taken and extra guards were placed around the court house during the hearing.



Farming's not a drab life in Kent. A little game of football played with plough horse mounts is part of the sports.



Premier Aristide Briand of France waves his greetings as he lands from the S. S. Lafayette to attend the disarmament conference.

## DOINGS" OF THE DUFFS

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Marine Insurances.				
Cantons	n. 440	n. 440	n. 440	
North China	n. 644	n. 644	n. 644	
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Far Easterns	n. 125	n. 125	n. 125	
Fire Insurances.				
China Fires	b. 125	b. 125	b. 125	
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Douglas	n. 42	n. 42	n. 42	
H. K. Steamboats	b. 263	b. 263	b. 263	
Indos (Pref)	b. 36	b. 36	b. 36	
Indo Def. Loui/Rec.	n. 265	n. 265	n. 265	
Indo Def. H. K. Reg.	n. 260	n. 260	n. 260	
Shells	n. 92	n. 92	n. 92	
Ferries	b. 334	b. 334	b. 334	
Refineries.				
Sugars	n. 180	n. 173	n. 173	
Malabons	n. 48	n. 45	n. 45	
Mining.				
Kailan	s. 75	s. 75	s. 75	
Langkata				
Shanghai Loops	n. 834	b. 834	b. 834	
Shai Explorations				
Raube	b. 1	b. 1	b. 1	
Troncha	b. 236	b. 236	b. 236	
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Benguet Con	P. 195	P. 195	P. 195	
Docks. Wharves. Godowns, &c.				
H. K. Wharves	b. 90	b. 91	b. 91	
K. Docks	b. 173	b. 172	b. 172	
Shai Docks	n. 111	n. 110	n. 110	
N. Engineering	b. 834	b. 834	b. 834	
Lands. Hotels & Buildings.				
Centrals	b. 150	b. 150	b. 150	
H. K. Hotels	b. 23	b. 23	b. 23	
H. K. Lands	b. 2073 s. 204	n. 208	n. 208	
H. P. H. E. E.	s. 1090	s. 1090	s. 1090	
K. Loon Lands	b. 46	b. 46	b. 46	
L. Reclaimations	b. 177	b. 175	b. 175	
West Points	n. 55	b. 54	b. 54	
Cotton Mills.				
Ewos	b. 191	b. 191	b. 191	
Orientals	b. 1446	b. 1446	b. 1446	
Shai Cotton	s. 1434	b. 145	b. 145	
Miscellaneous.				
Centents	s. 244/80	b. 241/4 s. 25	s. 241/4	
China Light old	s. 12	s. 11.90	s. 11.90	
China Light new	b. 1140	b. 1310	b. 1310	
China Providents	b. 24	b. 23	b. 23	
Dairy Farms	b. 2514	b. 25	b. 25	
Electric H. K.	n. 30	n. 30	n. 30	
Electric Macao	b. 106	b. 106	b. 106	
H'kong & Canton Ice	b. 3136 s. 32	b. 32	b. 32	
Hongkong Ropes	b. 1340	b. 1340	b. 1340	
HK. Tramways	b. 916	b. 916	b. 916	
Peak Trams, old	b. 1.15	b. 1.15	b. 1.15	
Do. new	b. 1.15	b. 1.15	b. 1.15	
Steam Laundries	n. 1132	b. 1132	b. 1132	
Steel Foundries	n. 1734	n. 17	n. 17	
Water-boat	b. 914	b. 914	b. 914	
Watsons	b. 20	n. 19	n. 19	
Wm. Powells	b. 28	n. 28	n. 28	
Wisemans	b. 28	n. 28	n. 28	

Hongkong, December 30, 1921.

## MCCORMICK'S EYE CUT.

What state of mind the two men were in was shown in the fifth round. Lewis was doing all the damage in the clinches, and when the referee separated the two on one occasion, McCormick returned to the attack with just about as wild a swing as anyone could imagine. McCormick even then was all off his balance of mind. So much so was this that in the sixth round McCormick, seeming to think that he should use his weight by rushing, went into a smashing left that cut the top lid of his left eye.

That member commenced to bleed profusely, and the remainder of the round was spent with Lewis banging away at the injured eye, which was the most vulnerable point at the time.

Mccormick's injured eye was patched up very cleverly by his seconds, but more blows followed to it, both in clinches and even at long range with the left, when the blood was flowing so freely as to affect McCormick's eyesight. When it was apparent that the bigger fellow could not see as clearly as was customary, Lewis started a series of heavy, very heavy, straight lefts, and McCormick could not get out of the right to the chin.

## ETERNAL CLINCHES.

Generally speaking, the contest was one of almost eternal clinch and great struggling on the part of the referee, and, amidst it all, Lewis was proving that he had a greater power of punch than his 16lb. heavier opponent, and that he knew twice as well how to apply that power.

McCormick's advantage, so called, in reach never entered into the question. In the first 15 seconds of the contest the referee was prizing the two apart, and they were together at McCormick's investigation, not at McCormick's. Then as early as the second round McCormick started the wild, hopeless rush forward with his hands wide apart, and received for his pains a resounding upper-cut to the chin when the bigger man's mouth was wide open.

The confidence that was in Lewis was shown in the third round, when he went in with a big left hit to the body. McCormick was just in time to see the blow coming, and although he went away rapidly it was because he was half-slipping the blow at the time it landed.

There was far too much holding, but there was no doubt that Lewis was the better fighter at that sort of stuff which took place.

## PORT INTELLIGENCE.

The following shipping and mail intelligence has been corrected to noon today:

## Vessels Arrived.

Vessel	Agents	From	To
Kuinchow	B & S	Tientsin & Swatow	10/18
Foochow		Salon	10/19
Ihang			10/19
Shantung		Canton	10/19
Cyclops		Liverpool & Singapore	10/19
Tyndares		Manila	10/20
Leesang		Hangkow & Swatow	10/20
Cheung Shing		Shanghai & Swatow	10/20
Shing		Haiphong & Hanoi	10/20
State		Manila	10/20
Admiral		Haiphong & Hanoi	10/20
Lake Farmingdale	M. P. S. C.	Saigon	10/20
Cadippore			10/20
Bintang	J. C. J.	Sorabaya & Balakpapan	10/20
Luzhan M.	N. Y. K.	Shanghai & Swatow	10/20
Arabia M.	N. Y. K.	Tacoma & Shanghai	10/20
Sourabaya M.	P. & S. C.	Sorabaya & Sandakan	10/20
Shun Shing		K. C. W. & Macao	10/20
Sui Yik		Shanghai	10/20
Kam Ying Fat		Pakhoi	10/20

## Clearances.

Vessel	Agents	Where Bound	Departure
Sourabaya M.	O. S. K.	Takao	29th Dec.
Nichirei M.	M. R. K.	Canton	30th Dec.
Hydrogen		Seawat	30th Dec.
Kuinchow		Canton	30th Dec.
Banyu Maru 15	Y. K. K.	Bangkok	30th Dec.
Kwang Lee	D. L. C.	Takao	31st Dec.
Hailong		Swatow & Foochow	31st Dec.
Chingchong	O. S. K.	Manila	31st Dec.
Hai		Singapore	31st Dec.
Hainan		Chinawian	31st Dec.
Providence		Dairen	31st Dec.
Shui Yik	P. & O.	Canton	31st Dec.
Yuenlong	J. M. C.	Kwong Chow Wan	31st Dec.
Takoway	B. & S.	Manila	31st Dec.
Takoway	J. M. C.	Passoan	31st Dec.
Luzhan M.	N. Y. K.	Canton	31st Dec.
Fakang	B. & S.	Hoifow & Haiphong	31st Dec.

## Impending Departures.

(Compiled from our Shipping Advertisements.)

Vessel	Agents	Destination	Sailing Date
Takoway	B. & S.	Japan	30th Dec.
Yuensang	J. M. C.	Manila	30th Dec.
Hailong	D. L. C.	Swatow	30th Dec.
Chipeh	J. M. C.	Rangoon	30th Dec.
Yenohi M.	N. Y. K.	Hainan	31st Dec.
Takang	J. M. C.	New York	31st Dec.
Katuna		Japan	31st Dec.
Tarigaga M.	B. & S.	Tangao	31st Dec.
Shantung		Manila	31st Dec.
Oba M.	N. Y. K.	New York	31st Dec.
Silver State		Seattle	1st Jan.
Tuan	B. & S.	Ad. Line	1st Jan.
Dulwara	P. & O.	Patow	1st Jan.
Euryalus	P. & O.	Shanghai	1st Jan.
Kuinchow	B. & S.	Amoy	1st Jan.
Tianyuan M.	N. Y. K.	Singapore	2nd Jan.
Pine Tree State	J. M. C.	Ad. Line	2nd Jan.
Lycon	B. & S.	Hol	2nd Jan.
Taming	B. & S.	Antwerp	2nd Jan.
Tyndares	B. & S.	Hol	2nd Jan.
Haihong	D. L. C.	Vancouver	2nd Jan.
Szechuan	B. & S.	Shanghai	2nd Jan.
Tamba M.	N. Y. K.	Colombia	2nd

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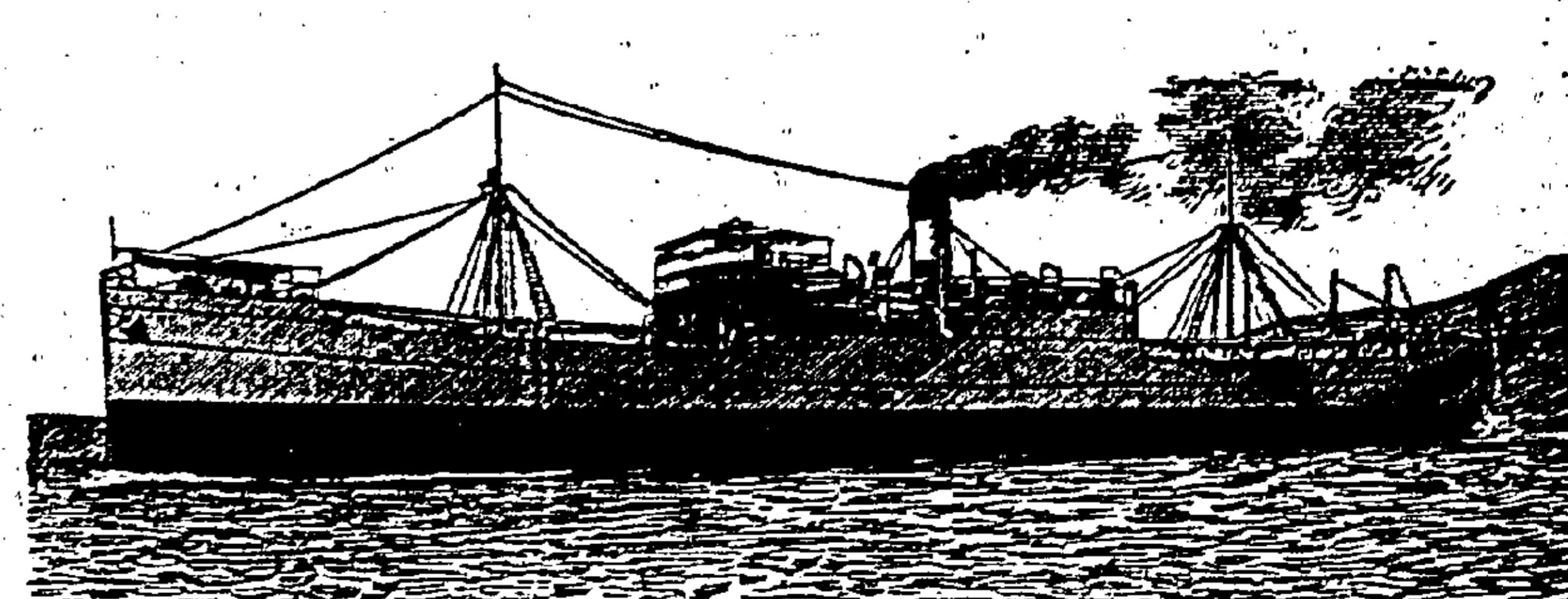
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SHANGHAI, KOBE &amp; YOKOHAMA.

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SANDAKAN ... Hinsang Wed. 4th Jan. at noon.

SHANGHAI via Swatow Kingsing Thurs. 5th Jan. at 6 a.m.

## CHANGES AT SCOTLAND YARD.

Home Secretary's Talk with Sir J. Byrne.

Sir Basil Thomson's resignation of the Commissionership of Police was discussed in the House of Commons last month.

Mr. Short (Home Secretary) referred to Sir Basil's letter to the Press, in which the writer stated that, on the appointment of General Horwood as Commissioner of Police being announced, he at once wrote to the Home Secretary saying that, having regard to his opinion of General Horwood he would feel obliged to resign if the appointment was made.

Such a statement, Mr. Short admitted, was made to him, but having regard to the nature of it, and the fact that it came from an assistant commissioner, who no doubt felt very strongly, and perhaps with some pain, he felt that he ought to treat the matter as absolutely confidential; and if Sir Basil Thomson had not mentioned it he would not have done so now.

## SIR BASIL'S INDEPENDENCE.

Another point was with regard to the position of Sir Basil Thomson himself. He claimed that he was always independent. There had never been any question about Sir Basil's independence, so far as concerned the collection of information, foreign and home, and his reports to the Cabinet. But there his independence ended.

Undoubtedly, however, Sir Basil persuaded himself that his independence extended to the whole of his work.

On November 20 last year a meeting was held at the Home Office, and the whole position was thrashed out, as between Sir Basil and General Horwood. A decision was reached, and was accepted by both of them without demur, providing:

1. That steps taken by Sir Basil for the protection of the King, the Royal Family, Ministers and other public persons should have the approval of the Commissioner, who should be informed beforehand of any change in or relaxation of precautions;

2. That the Commissioner should be kept fully informed of what the officers of the Special Branch were doing in the London area, and be kept generally informed of the distribution and work of such officers outside the metropolitan police district.

For this purpose it was arranged that Sir Basil Thomson should call to see the Commissioner every Wednesday morning. It was provided also:

3. That in collecting information and preparing reports for the Government on the action of Bolsheviks, Sinn Feiners, &c. (cheers and laughter) Sir Basil would act independently in his capacity of Director of Intelligence; his staff of typists would be appointed by him and the metropolitan police officers of the Special Branch would be under him to the same extent as police officers in other branches are under the control of the other Assistant Commissioners, whilst the supreme disciplinary authority is in the Commissioner. (Cheers.)

## SIR JOSEPH BYRNE'S POSITION.

Dealing with the presence of General Byrne at Scotland Yard before his appointment, Mr. Short said the explanation given by General Horwood was that Sir Joseph first declined to accept the appointment of Sir Basil Thomson's successor until his pension had been fixed, and that was what caused the delay.

He (Mr. Short) had known of Regulation 31 when he made statement that General Byrne had been offered, but had not yet accepted, the post. Had he known he would have told the Home Office that actually the Home Office were pressing Sir Joseph Byrne to say definitely, one way or the other, whether he would accept.

General Horwood, in his explanation, said it was necessary that the work of the branch should be continued without any hiatus. At his request, Sir Joseph Byrne came to the office, and, accompanied by one of his officials, went over to the special branch to get some insight into the work of the department.

He (General Horwood) asked him to deal, on his behalf, with matters of routine. His idea was that by doing so he would learn the duties and be able, by December 1, to assume responsibility under him. It was necessary that some official communication should be made to the officer as to his position, and accordingly the office Regulation 31 was issued.

That regulation, like all other office regulations, was issued for information of the office only, and cries of "Order."

## CABINET-MAKING BY CHANG TSO-LIN.

## Allegations Against Ex-Premier.

Peking, Dec. 20.

The reason assigned by General Chang Tso-lin following for the rejection of Chia Yen-peng, the Prime Minister, from the Cabinet is on account of an expose of the Premier's and Pan Fu's alleged sale of offices and other misdemeanours, writes Mr. Redius Gilberts of the N. C. Daily News.

The Chiaotung leaders are said to be responsible for making these reputed revelations to Chang Tso-lin.

Dr. W. W. Yen's appointment to the acting Premiership has been accepted, but Liang Shih-yi is already busy shaping a tentative Cabinet.

The possibility of Tsao Ju-lin's appointment is denied. None of the new Chiaotung clique is in the Cabinet, though Chang Tso-lin has the support of the party.

The appointment of Chang Chin-yao, formerly Tuchun of Hunan, as Tuchun of Kiangsi is suggested, but it is improbable that he will obtain the post as the American Legation is now preparing to protest against his presence in Peking, still holding him responsible for the murder of the American missionary at Yochow last spring.

Tsao Kuei arrived here yesterday evening and is calling upon the President to-day, but reports from Loyang indicate that General Wu Pei-fu is preparing a vigorous protest against the appointment of Liang Shih-yi to the Premiership and the possible reappointment of such reactionaries as Chang Chin-yao, Wang Chan-yuan and Chang Hsun to official posts. Chang Tso-lin to-day visited the Quadruple Entente Ministers.

The Chinese press believes that Chang Tso-lin will attempt to bring Gen. Wu Pei-fu into a reactionary coalition government by offering posts to his followers, suggesting that Chang Fu-lai will be Governor of Hunan, Chang Shaoteng, Minister of War and Admiral Tu Shih-kuei, Vice-Inspector General of Hupeh and Hunan.

Other papers believe that Tsao Kuei is coming in without Wu Pei-fu, thus creating a breach between the Chibei leaders and promoting Wu Pei-fu's further isolation.

LIANG SHIH-YI AS PREMIER.

Peking, December 20.—It has been definitely decided that Mr. Liang Shih-yi shall form a Cabinet. The Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Interior, and Agriculture and Commerce will remain unchanged. Mr. Chang Hu will be appointed Minister of Finance, Mr. Yeh Kung-cho, Communications, Mr. Huang Yen-pei, Education, while the name of Mr. Tang Shao-ji will be included.

## RECONCILIATION WITH CANTON.

Tokyo, Dec. 21.

The appointment of Mr. Liang Shih-yi to the Premiership is calculated in the opinion of the *Yomiuri* to accelerate a reconciliation between the North and the South. Mr. Liang, who is supported by the North on account of his former official position in the Imperial Court and also by birth connections and is regarded as a friend by the Southern leaders, is in a unique position to play the part of mediator between the rival factions.

The Ministerial change at the present juncture is most important, according to the *Asahi*, in view of the brilliant possibilities and proportionately greater responsibilities lying before the new Cabinet.

## A TELEPHONE CALL.

Admiral Sir W. R. Hall asked whether the Home Secretary was aware that the impression he left on the House was that Sir Joseph Byrne voluntarily went to him and said he could not accept the position in consequence of the criticism made; whereas it was not the fact that the Home Secretary telephoned to Sir Joseph Byrne to see him, and that it was in consequence of that interview that Sir Joseph Byrne voluntarily went to him and said he could not accept the position in consequence of the criticism made; whereas it was not the fact that the Home Secretary telephoned to Sir Joseph Byrne, and speaking to him, not as Home Secretary but as a personal friend, he told him the position, adding, "It is for you to consider whether, in view of that you can possibly accept the position." (Laughter.)

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## BOTTMLEY LIBEL CASE.

Bigland Committed for Trial.

Sir Henry Charles Birrell, the Bow-street magistrate, last month, committed Reuben Bigland for trial on the charge of publishing a criminal libel on Mr. Bottomley, M. P.

The alleged offence lay in the issue of a pamphlet, "The Downfall of Horatio Bottomley, M. P. His Latest and Greatest Swindle."

A sharp verbal duel occurred between the magistrate and Sir Ernest Wild, M. P., Mr. Bottomley's counsel, towards the close of the hearing. Mr. Comyns Carr, who is defending, had made a lengthy speech in support of his argument that Mr. Bigland should not be committed on what are known as the "blackmailing" charges.

Sir Ernest Wild submitted that he was entitled to reply, but the magistrate decided that he could not reply except on questions of law.

## PRACTICE AND EXPERIENCE.

Sir Ernest: It is a question of law.

The Magistrate: No. It is only a question of fact. It is the invariable practice in this Court.

Sir Ernest: You have sat here so long that you have no doubt established a practice. I won't say anything about experience, because it will only bring forth another insult.

The Magistrate: There never has been any insult.

Sir Ernest: Yes, there has, throughout the case. It has been a matter of common comment in the profession and outside.

The Magistrate: That is not a proper observation. It is not the first time you have made such observations. I say they are untrue and unworthy of your profession.

Sir Ernest: I am content to be judged by the profession.

The Magistrate: Very well. Don't make another speech about it.

## MR. HOUSTON'S STORY.

When the proceedings opened, Mr. Henry James Houston, political agent to Mr. Bottomley, who gave evidence at the first hearing, was recalled for cross-examination by Mr. Comyns Carr.

Asked to give his own account of the circumstances which led up to the interview between Mr. Elias and Mr. Bigland at the Hotel Metropole, at which an arrangement for settling the case was suggested, Mr. Houston said that he had known both Mr. Bottomley and Mr. Bigland for a number of years, and as far back as he could remember the present conflict between them was one that cropped up periodically.

The magistrate said that on the question of publishing the libel, regarding the Victory Bond Club, there must be a committal, and any defence must be raised in another court. The question he should ask Mr. Comyns Carr (defending counsel) to direct himself to were the charges of attempting to extort £50,000 and of inciting others to extort.

Mr. Comyns Carr said that so far from disputing the decision of the magistrate, his client welcomed the opportunity of justifying the allegations he had made.

Subsequently Sir Charles Birrell committed Bigland to the Shropshire Assizes on the charge of inciting others to extort money (during Wrekin by-election).

He decided not to commit him for trial on the charge of attempting to extort £50,000 from Mr. Bottomley.

## "UNABLE TO BELIEVE MR. BOTTOMLEY ON OATH."

Dealing with the latter charge the magistrate said:

I am unable to believe Mr. Bottomley on his oath.

Referring to the evidence of the attempt to arrange an apology and withdrawal by Bigland, Sir Charles Birrell said:

It is something very like a conspiracy to defeat the ends of justice.

## EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALIA &amp; CHINA TELEGRAPH CO.

The Chinese Government is reported by the *Eastern Times* to be taking much interest in the activities of the Socialists and Bolsheviks and has ordered the various legal authorities to take steps to suppress them. The Minister of Interior is now reported to have sent several detectives to Shanghai and they are staying in a "certain" hotel. These men will investigate into activities of the Socialists and report regularly to Peking. Special interest is being paid to moves of a certain foreigner.

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## TIME TABLE.

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